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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3734

Application No.: 10/088,874

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For: HOLDING APPARATUS FOR VITREOUS BODY SURGICAL CONTACT LENS  
AND HOLDING PORTION AND CONNECTING PORTION FOR VITREOUS BODY  
SURGICAL CONTACT LENS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Claims 13-15, 18 and 26 are pending in this application. In reply to the December 24, 2009 Office Action, reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in light of at least the following remarks.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) on the basis that none of drawings illustrate "a pair of elastic closed loop members," as recited in claim 13. "[A] pair of elastic closed loop members" are clearly shown by reference numbers 40a and 40b in Figs. 1, 2 and 7. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

Claims 13-15, 18 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,556,417 (Sher '417) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,171,254 (Sher '254). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Sher '417 and Sher '254 fail to disclose or have rendered obvious that "the connection portion comprises a pair of elastic closed loop members for connecting the holding portion in